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SUBJECT: U.S. ARMY POWER BARGE: COST ESTIMATES

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1.NUCLEAR SUPPORT SERVICES, PRIVATE FIRM IN WOODBRIDGE,
VIRGINIA, RECOMMENDED BY ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AS
CAPABLE OF OPERATING POWER BARGE WEBER UNDER COMMERCIAL
CONTRACT, HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COST
ESTIMATES:

--RELOCATION AND PREPARATION FOR OPERATION, INCLUDING
TOWING, MOORING, PUTTING IN POWER AND FUEL TRANSMISSION
LINES, AND PUTTING BARGE INTO OPERATIONAL CONDITION
(DEMOTHBALLING), IF DONE COMMERCIALY BY NUCLEAR SUPPORT
SERVICES IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - DOLS. 246,000.

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--CREW COST: COMPLETE COST OF PERSONNEL TO OPERATE BARGE FOR A YEAR (20 MEN) - DOLS. 1,025,000. (LABOR COSTS COULD BEGIN DIMINISHING AFTER SIX MONTHS IF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DOMINICANS DESIRED.)

--OPERATING COSTS, INCLUDING PARTS, MAINTENANCE, FOUR

TURBINE OVERHAULS AND ALL SUPPLIES EXCEPT FUEL (ITEMS LISTED PARA 3.E, REFTEL C) - DOLS. 845,000.

2. NUCLEAR SUPPORT SERVICES HAS PERSONNEL FORMERLY EMPLOYED WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS EXPERIENCED IN OPERATING OF THE WEBER. FIRM FURTHER ESTIMATES THAT BARGE OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY WILL CONSUME APPROXIMATELY 18 MILLION GALLONS NO. 2 DIESEL FUEL ANNUALLY (50,000 GALLONS A DAY). DOMINICANS MAY WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN CALCULATIONS OF FUEL COSTS BASED ON THIS ESTIMATE.

3. ABOVE ESTIMATES MAY BE CONVEYED TO CORPORACION DOMINICANA DE ELECTRICIDAD, WITH NOTE THAT NUCLEAR SUPPORT SERVICES COST ESTIMATES VARY SOMEWHAT FROM PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORTED REF C.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE OTHER COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. IF THE DOMINICANS WISH TO CONSULT SUCH FIRMS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE NAMES. KISSINGER

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